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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because in Fig. 1, blocks “11”, “12” and “21” should be functionally labelled. Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “means for preventing the memory ... in the unpowered state” claimed in claim 1, “means for preventing the memory ...comprising a zener diode” claimed in claim 2, “deflection circuitry” claimed in claims 3, 9 and 16, “means for preventing the first electronic circuitry ...is in the unpowered state” claimed in

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claim 7, “means for preventing the first electronic means ...during an unpowered state of the first electronic circuitry” claimed in claim 11, and “means for preventing the memory device .. placed in the unpowered state” claimed in claim 13 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without

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underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or
REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
- (e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

There are no headings.

4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 7, 14-16 and 19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

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In claim 7, lines 9, 10 and 12, "second electronic circuitry" should be --first electronic circuitry--.

In claim 14, line 3, and claims 15 and 16, line 2, "memory" should be --memory device--.

Claims 14-16 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Claims 14-16 are all depended from their own claims, therefore, they are not further limiting the subject matter of the previous claim. It seems that claims 14 should be depended from claim 13, claim 15 should be depended from claim 14 and claim 16 should be depended from claim 15, or else.

In claim 19, line 2, "control circuit" should be --control circuitry--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11 recites the limitation "the first electronic means" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is unclear whether "the first electronic means"

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is meant by "the first electronic circuitry". If so, the claimed language is repeated and should be deleted, since the same claim language is claimed in claim 7.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. Claims 1-10 and 12-19 are allowable over prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art fails to show or fairly suggest a television signal receiver and method having the combinations as claimed, including a first circuit board including a memory and control circuitry for controlling an operation of the receiver, the control circuitry controlling the operation of the receiver in response to data stored in the memory, and a second circuit board operably coupled to the first circuit board via IIC bus lines, the second circuit board including a controller, coupled to the IIC bus lines, for generating first control signals in accordance with a first signal format in a first operational state and second control signals in accordance with a second signal format in a second operational state, **the controller placing the memory into an unpowered state during the second operational state, the memory being coupled to means for preventing the memory from keeping the control lines at a low state when the memory is in the unpowered state**, wherein the memory and the control circuitry are coupled to the IIC bus lines, and the

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controller transmits the first control signals to the memory via the IIC bus lines without affecting the control circuitry in the first operational state, and transmits the second control signals to the control circuitry via the control lines without affecting the memory in the second operational state, as recited in claims 1 and 13.

The prior art also fails to show or fairly suggest a signal processing apparatus having the combination as claimed, including a first circuit board including first electronic circuitry and second electronic circuitry for controlling at least one operation of the receiver, and a second circuit board operably coupled to the first circuit board via control lines, the second circuit board including a controller, coupled to the control lines, for generating first control signals in accordance with a first signal format in a first operational state and second control signals in accordance with a second signal format in a second operational state, **the first electronic circuitry being placed in an unpowered state during the second operational state, the first electronic circuitry being coupled to means for preventing the first electronic circuitry from keeping the control lines at a low state when the first electronic circuitry is in the unpowered state**, and the first and second electronic circuitry are coupled to the control lines, and the controller transmits the first control signals to the first electronic circuitry via the control lines without affecting the second electronic circuitry in the first operational state, and transmits the second control signals to the second electronic circuitry via the control lines without affecting the first electronic circuitry in the second operational state, as recited in claim 7.

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Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Vogel (6151077) and Johnson (5748255) disclose an interface system for a television receiver having a television receiver and a circuit board.

Lathrop (5563655) shows intelligent digital image storage for an electronic camera.

Tults (6693678) shows a data bus driver having first and second operating modes for coupling data to the bus at first and second rates.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherrie Hsia whose telephone number is (703) 305-4738.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (703) 305-4795.

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